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Title: Mechanical properties during healing of Achilles tendon ruptures predict final outcome. A Roentgen stereophotogrammetric analysis in 10 patients

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Dear Sirs,

Please consider the enclosed manuscripts for publication.

We have used a totally new method in order to examine the healing of the Achilles tendon after rupture. We have done both a clinical and a biomechanical evaluation during the healing process and compared the results.

We believe that our biomechanical evaluation method might be useful in comparing different treatment regimes, but also might help individual patient, giving them guidelines, how much stress their tendon will tolerate.

The fact, that there still is no unity on the question how to treat an Achilles tendon rupture, shows that there is still a lot of research to do and we believe that our new examination method may contribute to the “puzzle” of how to treat this kind of injury.

The data is new, original and has not been submitted elsewhere.

Sincerely, Thorsten Schepull